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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - OASGA

(S/S NO. 7603510)

1. THE PROBLEM

TO SCHEDULE YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE VI OASGA.

2. DISCUSSION

OASGA VI IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THURSDAY, JUNE 10, IN SANTIAGO. WE EXPECT FIRST DAY WOULD BE PRINCIPALLY PROTOCOLARY WITH SUBSTANTIVE "DIALOGUE" AMONG FONMINS PROBABLY BEGINNING FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EXTENDING THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 14. IF MAINTAINED, THIS SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT YOU TO ATTEND JUNE 9 OECD MEETING IN PARIS AND STILL PARTICIPATE IN GA "DIALOGUE" SESSIONS.

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IN FEBRUARY 18 PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING, HOWEVER,

PANAMA ANNOUNCED INTENTION SOON TO ASK COUNCIL TO APPROVE MOVING GA OPENING TO TUESDAY, JUNE 1, "TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH JUNE 26-27 AMPHICTYONIC CONFERENCE IN PANAMA." LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH CONFLICT IS PRACTICALLY NIL,

BUT WE UNDERSTAND GOP WANTS TO PUT MAXIMUM DAYLIGHT BETWEEN GA AND AMPHICTYONIC CONFERENCE IN ORDER THAT FORMER NOT OVERSHADOW THE LATTER.

INDICATIONS ARE MAJORITY WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT PANAMA'S REQUEST. THIS WOULD CREATE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FOR YOU BECAUSE JUAN CARLOS WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON JUNE 2-3. YOU COULD STILL TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO LATE NIGHT OF JUNE 3 TO PARTICIPATE IN GA FRIDAY, JUNE 4, THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 7, DEPARTING THAT NIGHT FOR PARIS AND OECD. THIS SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, WOULD CAUSE YOU TO MISS IMPORTANT FIRST TWO SUBSTANTIVE DAYS OF CONFERENCE, JUNE 2-3, DURING WHICH WE WOULD HOPE YOUR "DIALOGUE" WITH OTHER FONMINS WOULD SET TONE AND IMPROVE CONTENT OF LATER WORKING SESSIONS.

THIS SCHEDULING PROBLEM MIGHT BE RESOLVED BY SEEKING PANAMA'S AGREEMENT TO JUNE 3 GA STARTING DATE RATHER THAN JUNE 1. THIS WOULD PERMIT YOU TO KEEP APPOINTMENTS WITH JUAN CARLOS WITHOUT MISSING IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS AT BEGINNING OF OASGA. A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOU TO PANAMA'S FONMIN OZORES WOULD PROBABLY DO THE TRICK.

ARTHUR HARTMAN POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ON THE ASSUMPTION JUAN CARLOS WILL SPEND JUNE 4 IN NEW YORK, THERE ARE PLANS FOR DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO HOST AN EVENING SESSION AT POCANTICO.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE OASGA:

JUNE 3 -- COMPLETE SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS WITH JUAN CARLOS, INCLUDING SPANISH EVENING FUNCTION; FLY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SANTIAGO.

JUNE 4-7 -- FONMINS DIALOGUE AT OASGA.

JUNE 7 -- DEPART FOR OECD MEETING IN PARIS.

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2. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE ABOVE SCHEDULE, WE RECOMMEND YOU
AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING CABLE:

ACTION: AMEMBASSY PANAMA
INFO: AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
SUBJECT: OASGA: SECRETARY'S ATTENDANCE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FONMIN OZORES:

"DEAR MR. MINISTER: I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO CHANGE
THE DATE OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO JUNE 1 TO AVOID
ANY CONFLICT WITH THE AMPHICTYONIC CONFERENCE. UNFORTU-
NATELY, THIS CHANGE WOULD REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF MY
BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECAUSE KING JUAN
CARLOS IS VISITING WASHINGTON DURING THE FIRST DAYS OF
JUNE. IF YOU WOULD AGREE, HOWEVER, TO A JUNE 3 STARTING
DATE RATHER THAN JUNE 1 I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE EARLY PART OF THE ASSEMBLY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU
THINK THIS CHANGE IS POSSIBLE.

BEST REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER"

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